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1. In early August 1955, a conference organised by the Ministry for Heavy Industry took place at which ways and means of furthering scientific-technical progress in East Germany were discussed. On this occasion Minister Fritz Selbmann, who is known to be a strong adversary of the Central Office for Research and Technology (ZAFT), levelled heavy attacks against this office. He went as far as to proclaim the necessity of "abolishing this bureaucratic heap" ("Abschaffung dieses buerokratischen Haufens"). Prof. Josef Stanek, the head of ZAFT, who was present during Selbmann's attack, replied immediately that Selbmann should confine his attacks against ZAFT if he deemed them necessary, to "constructive criticism". On the same occasion he urged Selbmann to volunteer a member of the Advisory Council of ZAFT which is to be established in accordance with the decision on the furtherance of scientific technical progress in East 25X1 Germany taken by the Council of Ministers on 21 July 1955.

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